

Supporting The Passage Of New York State Senate Bill 06417 And Assembly Bill 08740, An Act To Amend The Election Law, In Relation To The Reimbursement To Counties And The City of New York Of The Costs Associated With Administering Primary Elections

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Roberts, and Ronk)

Legislator Lynn Archer and Legislators Gregorius, Provenzano, and Wishnick offer the following:

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 06417 and Assembly Bill 8740 have been introduced in the 2013-2014 Legislative Session which reimburses counties and the City of New York the costs associated with administering a second primary elections as a result of not combining State and Federal primaries; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act required primary elections dates that allow military and overseas citizens to register and vote with sufficient time for their ballots to be sent, delivered, cast, returned and counted; and

WHEREAS, U.S. District Court Judge Gary Sharpe (N.D.N.Y.) has ordered that this year's primary for federal offices are to be conducted on June 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, because New York State has again not changed the date of the State and local primaries to match the Federal primary date, the result will again be two complete election cycles, including petitioning, machine set up and programming, election day voting procedures and canvas and re-canvas processes; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Ulster County's cost for the two separate primaries was \$72,609.66 for the Federal primary and \$62,432.69 for the State and local primary; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will not only reimburse the estimated expenses for a second primary, it will address an unfunded and unnecessary mandate; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature urges the New York State Governor and Legislature to ensure the passage of Senate Bill 6417 and Assembly Bill 8740 within this legislative session; and, be it further

